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## The Soviet Union

## Military-Economic Report 10/4

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

Individual Messages1.) Food Situation

(1) In the first quarter the Fish Sales in Tiflis and Baku are behind in their deliveries; for example, 35 tons of fish products are still to be delivered to the Chief Directorate for the Tea Industry.

(2) The oil mills in Tiflis received 207 tons of sunflowers as of 9 April.

(3) The manufacture of the following is planned by the Wine Directorate for May:

|                |                         |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| 80,000 liters  | liqueurs                |
| 35,000 liters  | wine brandies           |
| 100,000 liters | grain schnapps          |
| 30,000 liters  | cognac                  |
| 3,000 liters   | unfermented grape juice |
| 100,000 liters | grain alcohol           |

(4) A lack of flour apparently prevails in Ordzhonikidze, for the Food Industry could not produce any macaroni or bakery products in March. For April the production of 120 tons of macaroni and 35 tons of bakery products is scheduled.

(5) In May the following is to be delivered to the Transcaucasus:

|             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| 3 carloads  | butter        |
| 10 carloads | ewe's cheese  |
| 5 carloads  | milk products |

(6) The Transcaucasian Front is to receive 70 tons of macaroni and 20 tons of butter.

(7) From 6 to 10 April the Food Industry in Kafan shipped 166 tons of honey products.

(8) In May stud bulls will be shipped from Erivan to North Osetia. For this purpose 25 railroad cars have been authorized.

(9) The Road Directorate in Erivan requires the following for sowing:

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| 0.3 tons   | maize      |
| 0.005 tons | sunflowers |
| 5 tons     | barley     |

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(10) 25 tractors arrived at Prokhladnaya Station. However, the NK for Agriculture in Nalchik could only accept 13 since the remaining tractors lacked magnets and other parts.

(11) In April, horse transportation is being permitted by the Oil Industry in Makhachkala and Groznyj. For this purpose two tons of feed must be delivered by the Grain Procurement Office of Makhachkala and twenty tons by the Grain Procurement Office in Groznyj.

(12) In the second quarter the offices of the River Fleet received the following food allocations:

|                             | <u>Meat</u> | <u>Fish</u> | <u>Butter</u> | <u>Sugar</u> | <u>Animal Fats</u> | <u>Vegetable Fats</u> | <u>Bakery Products</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| (Amounts are given in tons) |             |             |               |              |                    |                       |                        |
| Ust Usa                     | 0.8         | -           | -             | 0.2          | 0.2                | -                     | -                      |
| Kirov                       | 3           | -           | -             | 0.6          | 0.6                | -                     | -                      |
| Molotov                     | 5.7         | -           | -             | 1.1          | 1.1                | -                     | -                      |
| Ufa                         | 14.8        | 5.5         | 4.6           | 2.2          | -                  | 2.3                   | 3.9                    |
| Novosibirsk                 | 20.4        | 15          | 2.8           | 14.9         | -                  | 3.4                   | 13                     |
| Uralsk                      | 4.6         | 1.7         | 1.5           | 0.6          | -                  | 1                     | 3                      |
| Ulan Ude                    | -           | 5.6         | 2.9           | 2.6          | 3.4                | 2.1                   | 4.4                    |
| Blagoveshchensk10           | -           | 11          | -             | 4.8          | 4                  | 3.8                   | 4.1                    |
| Yakutsk                     | 13.4        | 13.7        | -             | 6.7          | 6.5                | 6                     | 8.2                    |

(13) In addition Raznezhe received 1200 liters of schnapps and Astrakhan 1500 liters of alcohol.

(14) 50 tons of seed potatoes must be procured by the NKRF Directorate in Krasnoyarsk

## 2.) Oil Supply

(15) For the second quarter the following deliveries are scheduled to the offices of the River Fleet:

|            |         |                                        |
|------------|---------|----------------------------------------|
| Gorkij     | 68 tons | motor oil                              |
|            | 2 tons  | viscosin                               |
|            | 3       | machine oil                            |
|            | 0.5     | solidol                                |
|            | 2       | avtol                                  |
| Stalingrad | 5       | auto gasoline                          |
|            | 2       | petroleum                              |
|            | 1       | ligroin                                |
|            | 0.5     | gasoline                               |
|            | 3       | petroleum (additional for the sovkhov) |
|            | 16      | diesel fuel                            |

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|               |          |              |
|---------------|----------|--------------|
| Uralsk        | 500 tons | oil          |
|               | 7        | diesel fuel  |
| Semipalatinsk | 2        | cylinder oil |
|               | 3        | viscosin     |
|               | 5        | machine oil  |
|               | 2        | motor oil    |
|               | 2        | solidol      |
|               | 2        | avtol        |
| Pavlodar      | 2        | viscosin     |
|               | 2        | machine oil  |
|               | 1        | motor oil    |
|               | 1        | solidol      |
|               | 2        | avtol        |

(16) Transporting oil during April and May will be carried out more extensively

by Astrakhan. Water routes are to be used first of all. The smaller part is to be transported by railroad. The following are to be received:

|             |             |           |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Gorkij      | 10,000 tons | mazut     |
| Kamuste     | 45,020      | mazut     |
| Ulyanovsk   | 900         | mazut     |
| Kujbyshev   | 4,200       |           |
| Saratov     | 3,000       |           |
| Molotov     | 1,000       |           |
| Derbeshke   | 1,000       |           |
| Ryazan      | 1,000       |           |
| Shchurovo   | 3,000       |           |
| Kastrov     | 1,000       |           |
| Khimki      | 2,600       |           |
| Saratov     | 1,785       |           |
| Kurmysh     | 350         | petroleum |
| Durasovo    | 600         |           |
| Voskresensk | 600         |           |
| Vetluga     | 550         |           |
| Lyskovo     | 1,080       |           |

(17) In March Kujbyshev had the following oil consumption:

|           | <u>Supply on 1 March</u> | <u>Arrivals</u> | <u>Consumption</u> | <u>Supply on 1 April</u> |
|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Mazut     | 209 tons                 | 207 tons        | 71 tons            | 405.8 tons               |
| Oil       | 47 tons                  | 633.9 tons      | 49 tons            | 631.8 tons               |
| Petroleum | 2.55 tons                | 4.35 tons       | 3 tons             | 3.6 tons                 |
| Gasoline  | 1 ton.                   | 3.86 tons       | 2.4 tons           | 3 tons                   |

(18) All ships putting in at Stalingrad during the navigation period are being supplied with lubricating oil. The office in Stalingrad has to assure the delivery of the oil.

(19) Fuel is very scarce in Uralsk. The ships could not be supplied for their first voyage. There is only a supply of petroleum on hand for 10 to 15 days.

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(20) NKRF-Chardzhou requires the following oils in May:

|          |             |
|----------|-------------|
| 8.1 tons | diesel fuel |
| 4.1      | petroleum   |
| 0.12     | gasoline    |
| 0.25     | diesel oil  |
| 0.45     | avtol       |

3.) Coal Supply

(21) The offices of the River Fleet received the following coal deliveries:

|         |           |
|---------|-----------|
| Rybinsk | 1300 tons |
| Gorkij  | 1300 tons |
| Molotov | 3305 tons |
| Omsk    | 1800 tons |

(22) For the year 1943 Semipalatinsk was authorized a coal quota of 52,000 tons.

(23) Kujbyshev had the following coal consumption in March:

|            | <u>Supply on 1 March</u> | <u>Arrivals</u> | <u>Consumption</u> | <u>Supply on 1 April</u> |
|------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Anthracite | 2018 tons                | 57 tons         | 1120 tons          | 955 tons                 |
| Coal       | 110                      | --              | --                 | 110                      |
| Coke       | 57                       | 34.6            | 44.1               | 47.5                     |

4.) Timber Supply

(24) In the second quarter the following offices of the River Fleet must deliver the following quantities of piled-up timber to the distribution centers in addition to their own timber procurement offices:

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Gorkij          | 95,000 cu. meters |
| Kujbyshev       | 2,000             |
| Ufa             | 20,000            |
| Omsk            | 190,000           |
| Khabarovsk      | 36,000            |
| Blagoveshchensk | 30,000            |

(25) In addition the following deliveries are being carried out to the following offices:

|                                |                   |                              |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Kujbyshev                      | 1500 cu. meters   | timber                       |
| Stalingrad                     | 6000 cu. meters   | building timber (additional) |
| for construction in the harbor |                   |                              |
| for inland                     |                   |                              |
| harbors                        | 9000 cu. meters   | timber                       |
| Kalach                         | 5 carloads        | timber                       |
| Lower Irtysh                   | 73,000 cu. meters | timber                       |
| Steamship Agency               |                   |                              |



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(26) Kujbyshev could fulfill only 60 per cent of the timber procurement plan and only 28 per cent of the transport plan. In the fall and winter periods 55,300 cu. meters were to be transported; however, only 33,348 cu. meters were procured and only 15,385 cu. meters transported.

5.) Transport Situation

(27) According to a report from Ordzhonikidze railway troops, special formations and the local population have been called on for rebuilding the railway line. The line is operating once again with a velocity of 30 to 50 kilometers per hour. Traffic could be re-opened on the branch lines to Kislovodsk, Zheleznovodsk and Neslobnaya. On the other hand, traffic is stopped on other branch lines because of the reconstruction of the large and medium bridges. The Budenovsk Branch Line must be rebuilt by 25 April.

(28) A significant shortage of railroad cars is noticed again and again. For example, 3,419 tons of freight which cannot be transshipped have been accumulated in Gorkij harbor. Large tea shipments are stowed in Krasnovodsk because of the shortage of railroad cars. For the same reason, Krasnovodsk cannot receive the allotted 13 carloads of sawn timber. The workers from the Don Kuban Oblast' employed in Ufa cannot be returned to their own areas as scheduled. Likewise, Ulan Ude cannot receive the required railroad cars from the East Siberian Railway.

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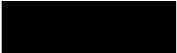
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Individual Messages

1.) Personnel Situation

(1) In a decree of 6 April the Executive Committee of the NK for the River Fleet confirmed the fact that the mobilization of the population for work on ships and landing places is insufficient. Immediate measures are desired for improving the situation regarding mobilization. Concerning its execution, reports must be submitted by telegraph each week according to oblast'.

(2) The draft exemption of sovkhos workers of the NKRF is extended to 1 July 1943.

(3) Water transport bases in Omsk, Kirensk, Krasnoyarsk and Khabarovsk have once again demanded the return of workers who were temporarily assigned to other organizations.

2.) Food Situation

Caucasus

(4) In the first quarter Plant "Generator" (exact location unknown) received:

|           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| 38 tons   | meat products  |
| 70.5      | fish products  |
| 0.1 ton   | butter         |
| 15.4 tons | vegetable fat  |
| 36.4      | sugar products |
| 18.9      | cheese         |
| 27        | boxes of eggs  |

(5) The Georgian Champagne Combine is to deliver four carloads of champagne to the Azerbajdzhan Fish Sales.

Erivan

(6) As of 1 March the Armenian NK for the Food Industry received from the sovkhoses for the first quarter:

|      | <u>Delivery</u> | <u>Allotted</u> |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Meat | 1.46 tons       | 2.0 tons        |
| Milk | 0.25            | 1.5             |

(7) In the second quarter the Sugar Sales has to transfer 1.12 tons of sugar to the

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Chief Directorate for Highways of the NKVD.

(8) In the second quarter the Armenian sovkhoses have to transfer:

To the NK for Agriculture

|          |              |
|----------|--------------|
| 180 tons | Milk         |
| 2.5      | Ewe's cheese |

To the NK for the Meat and Dairy Industry

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| 115,000 | eggs |
|---------|------|

To the NK for the Food Industry

|          |              |
|----------|--------------|
| 3.2 tons | Meat         |
| 20.4     | Milk         |
| 2.05     | Ewe's cheese |

(9) Poti. In March the Food Division of the Black Sea Fleet received 125 tons of canned goods from the citrus combine.

(10) According to a message to Stalingrad the River Fleet has to set up its own reconstruction sections. They are receiving the same rations as military reconstruction sections.

(11) The Lower Volga Steamship Agency received 1500 liters of schnapps from the schnapps factory in Saratov.

(12) The NKRF Directorate in Uralsk requests approval for catching fish in the Ural River and its tributary "Chagan", since, as is known, the River Fleet is not being centrally supplied with fish.

3.) Material Supply

(13) On 12 March 1 carload of paper was shipped from Krasnovodsk to the NK for Finance in Armenia (Erivan).

(14) "Tkvarcheli Coal" in Akarmara received 10,000 conveying (?) belts from Moscow.

(15) In the period from 5 to 10 April three carloads of paper are to be shipped to Storehouse No. 168 and 10 tons of writing paper and 20 tons of newsprint to Tashkent.

(16) In Volsk eight carloads of cement were shipped by the Directorate of the NKRF.

4.) Metal Supply  
(NK for River Fleet)

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(17) In April the following deliveries are being carried out to the offices of the

NKRF:

|           |                          |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| Svenigovo | 18 meters band saws      |
| Kujbyshev | 1.4 tons steel           |
|           | 40 tons cast iron        |
| Saratov   | 5 tons bar iron          |
| Astrakhan | 4.5 tons bronze          |
| Chistopol | 0.07 tons tin            |
| Ufa       | 20 tons cast iron        |
| Ulan Ude  | 402 meters seamless pipe |

(18) On 1 April Kujbyshev reported a supply of nine tons of cast iron and 25 tons of alloyed cast iron. The remainder of 285 tons of scrap metal and 4,256 tons of non-ferrous scrap metal are to be delivered immediately.

5.) Oil Supply

(19) For April 0.5 ton of petroleum has been authorized for the NK for the Light Industry. The minimum requirement amounts to 8 tons. However, an authorization of at least 7 tons was requested in order to avoid any work stoppage.

(20) For April an additional 1,000 tons of light petroleum and 150 tons of truck gasoline have been authorized for the Armenian Council of the NK in Erivan.

(21) For the second quarter the Armenian NK for the Light Industry requires 6 tons of petroleum, 15 tons of truck gasoline and 12 tons of ligroin.

(22) For April the offices of the NKRF will receive the following:

|           |                   |         |                                  |
|-----------|-------------------|---------|----------------------------------|
| Gorkij    | Plant "Teplokhod" | 0.3 ton | aviation gasoline                |
|           | Plant "Molotov"   | 0.2 ton | aviation gasoline                |
| Svenigovo | Plant "Butyakov"  | 0.2     | aviation gasoline                |
| Kujbyshev |                   | 0.1     | gasoline                         |
|           |                   | 1.5     | ligroin (for collective gardens) |
| Chistopol |                   | 100     | motor oil                        |
| Uralsk    |                   | 100     | mazut                            |
|           |                   | 4.5     | petroleum                        |
|           |                   | 0.2     | gasoline                         |
|           |                   | 5       | oil                              |

6.) Coal Supply

Tiflis

(23) The Georgian Brick Works require an additional 1,000 tons of coal in April.



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(24) The Chief Directorate of Coal Supply has to carry out the following deliveries

for April:

|                                           |                          |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| For the Georgian Industry of Volatile Oil | 500 tons Tkvibuli coal   |
|                                           | 100 tons Tkvarcheli coal |
| For Oktemberyan                           | 100 tons Tkvibuli coal   |
|                                           | 100 tons Tkvarcheli coal |

(25) In April the following coal deliveries for the NKRF are being announced:

|           |               |
|-----------|---------------|
| 2300 tons | for Kujbyshev |
| 2300 tons | for Ulyanovsk |
| 1300 tons | for Ufa       |

(26) The following additional allotments are to be carried out by Molotov in April:

|           |         |                |
|-----------|---------|----------------|
| 3000 tons | of coal | to Tikhie-Gory |
| 2000 tons | of coal | to Kineshma    |
| 600 tons  | of coal | to Yaroslavl   |

(27) The NKRF Directorate in Semipalatinsk received a supply of 52,000 tons of coal for 1943.

(28) For April 21,000 tons of coal are scheduled for the Enisej Steamship Agency of which Krasnoyarsk will receive 14,000 tons. The transportation is to be carried out by rail.

### 7.) Textile Supply

#### Tiflis

(29) For the second quarter the Georgian NK for the Light Industry requires two tons of cotton cord.

(30) In the second quarter the following deliveries of jumel cotton yarn are being carried out by the Hosiery Combine:

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| To the Georgian NK for Light Industry | 1.8 tons |
| Shoe Factory "Beriya"                 | 0.3      |
| Armenian NK for Light Industry        | 0.7      |
| Azerbajdzhan NK for Light Industry    | 0.8      |
| Turkmen NK for Light Industry         | 0.7      |

(31) The sovkhoses of the Georgian SSR have to transfer in the second quarter 20 tons of wool including:

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| To the NK for Cattle Breeding | 15 tons |
| To the NK for Food            | 5       |

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(32) The sovkhozes of the Armenian SSR have to deliver 8.71 tons of wool including 5 tons to the NK for Cattle Breeding and 3.71 tons to the NK for Food.

8.) Chemical Supply

(33) For April the Armenian Light Industry Supply in Erivan has been authorized 30 tons of caustic soda, 30 tons of fat, and 17 tons of sodium sulfide.

(34) In April the Chemical Plant in Kirovakan is to ship 3 carloads of carbide to Astrakhan for the Construction Directorate of the NKVD.

(35) The Manganese Trust in Chiaturi is to ship immediately the 300 tons of manganese ore made available for April to Plant "Kaganovich" in Gorkij and 400 tons to the re-smelting plant in Klyuchevik. The shipment must be completed by 20 April.

(36) The Sulphuric Acid Plant in Alaverdy is to ship immediately to the iodine plant in Baku-Neftechala 50 tons of sulphuric acid for April. The remaining 80 tons of sulphuric acid are to be shipped by 25 April.

(37) The NKRF Directorate in Rybinsk received 130 bottles of acetylene from Saratov and the NKRF Directorate in Molotov 1 ton of caustic potash.

(38) During April 10,000 tons of superphosphate are to arrive in Uralsk for the NKRF.

9.) Production

(39) In accordance with the plan for 1943/44 the following NKRF offices are to manufacture spare parts for ship repairs:

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Omsk                 | for 450,000 rubles |
| Novosibirsk          | for 350,000 rubles |
| Krasnoyarsk          | for 390,000 rubles |
| Ulan Ude             | for 290,000 rubles |
| Khabarovsk           | for 490,000 rubles |
| Blagovesh-<br>chensk | for 160,000 rubles |
| Irkutsk              | for 130,000 rubles |
| Yakutsk              | for 150,000 rubles |

10.) Transport Situation

(41) Erivan. In April 270 cars are needed by the chemical plant in Kirovakan for transporting lime and 600 cars for Plant "Sovpren".

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(42) Ordzhonikidze. The railway lines in Osetia require the following for repair:

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| 3850 meters | rails    |
| 5600 units  | sleepers |
| 3 units     | switches |

(43) The following are stored along the branch lines of the Ordzhonikidze Railway:

|                        | <u>Rail Types</u> | <u>Kilometers</u> | <u>Switch Type</u> | <u>No. of Units</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| For the NK for         |                   |                   |                    |                     |
| Procurement            | 1-AO              | 29                | 3A1/9              | 2                   |
|                        | 2-AO              | 713               | --                 | --                  |
|                        | 3-AO              | 981               | --                 | --                  |
| For the NK for the Oil |                   |                   |                    |                     |
| Industry               | 2-A3              | 442               | 2A1/9              | 4                   |
|                        | 3-45              | 322               | 3A1/9              | 48                  |
|                        | --                | --                | 1/11               | 14                  |
| Timber Industry        | 2-O               | 344               | 3A1/9              | 1                   |
|                        | 3-AO              | 116               | --                 | --                  |
| Food Industry          | 2-A1              | 398               | 3A1/9              | 5                   |
|                        | 3-A1              | 43                | --                 | --                  |
| Fish Industry          | 1-AO              | 375               | --                 | --                  |
| Meat Industry          | 1-A1              | 50                | 3A1/9              | 3                   |
|                        | 2-A6              | 80                | --                 | --                  |
|                        | 3-AO              | 250               | --                 | --                  |
| For Local Industry     | 1-AO              | 312               | 3A1/11             | 1                   |
|                        | 2-A1              | 700               | --                 | --                  |
|                        | 3-AO              | 338               | --                 | --                  |
| Shipbuilding           | --                | --                | 8A1/11             | 13                  |
|                        | 2-A21             | 987               | 1/9                | 27                  |
|                        | 3-A8              | 150               | --                 | --                  |
| NK for Ferrous Metals  | 2-A4              | 67                | 3A1/11             | 3                   |
|                        | --                | --                | 1/9                | 16                  |
| Trade Union            | 3-A3              | 200               | 3A1/9              | 5                   |

(44) The rails and switches of the branch line Mineralny-Vody, Prokhladnaya and Dzyartkov, which could be used for laying the main line have been completely used up in repairing the main line. For repair work weaker rail types such as 1-A, 2-A, and 3-A can also be used.

(45) Tugboats are being towed by passenger ships in Kujbyshev and Molotov.

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(46) The Military Reconstruction Directorate of the Lower Volga in Stalingrad received 25 new boats.

(47) In April the NKRF Directorate in Uralsk has to carry out a scheduled transport of 3,000 tons including 1500 tons of bread grain.

(48) Chardzhou. Above-plan transports of the NKRF may be carried out in the future only after the complete execution of the planned transports, particularly since fuel is allotted only for the scheduled trips.

(49) In April the NKRF Directorate in Uralsk has to carry out the following transports:

|             |                           |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| To Chalysh  | 500 tons                  |
| To Khodzhli | 1,000 tons                |
| To Bashauz  | 500 tons (superphosphate) |

(50) In March the Amu Darya Steamship Agency did not fulfill the transport plan.

11.) Civil Air Fleet

(51) The following units of the Civil Air Fleet were recently identified: Regiment Maguinskij in a message of 29 March. Location unknown.

(52) The 11th Flight Squadron in a message of 28 March from Kujbyshev to an indistinct radio station.

(53) A training flight regiment in Stalinabad according to a message of 7 April.

(54) A group Kluson with an unknown location according to a message of 27 and 30 March. The group is disposing of its own portable aviation repair workshops: Location cannot be identified.

(55) The following were confirmed:

13th Flight Regiment according to a message of 6 April. Location unknown  
3rd Flight Regiment with a present location of Stalinabad  
8th Flight Regiment with a present location of Ashkhabad.

(56) According to a message of 9 April the 3rd and 8th Flight Regiments arrived in Tashkent for assignment by the Uzbek Directorate. It is to be noted, furthermore, that the Uzbek Directorate is also assigning other flight regiments.

(57) The following plants were recently identified:

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|                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Plant 49                | location not known       |
| Plant 85                | location not known       |
| Plant "Ural Energo"     | presumably in Sverdlovsk |
| Aviation Factory No. 84 | in Ashkhabad             |

The latter is assigning one of its own flight sections which will be used either for individual flights or for transportation purposes.